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ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

This new and beautiful structure, in which we are assembled in the Ninety-fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese, is an indication of the new life and growth of this parish, and I trust, in the Diocese at large. The old St. Paul's has some very sacred memories for me. In it I was ordained to the Priesthood May 30, 1880; and in it sixteen years ago I first presided in this Diocesan Convention as your Bishop. I therefore fully understand the feelings which the older members of this congregation must experience in seeing the old building and site give place to the new. But it is the natural and necessary order; and it is the method and the means whereby God accomplishes His good purposes for us and for the world. And as these outer and lesser things change and pass away may be all too experience the inner change by which our immortal spirit is brought more and more into conformity with His divine nature and image!

And among the sad but blessed changes to which the Church of God is subjected, is the removal from this visible communion of those whom the Church esteems her most necessary and indispensable workers. Two of our brethren of the Clergy have been taken from us during the past year, both of whom stood in peculiarly close personal relations with me.

Of the Rev. Dr. Murdoch I do not know how to speak adequately; and however restrained I might be in my language concerning him, were I to say all I think, I should fear to be counted extravagant. He was a man of extraordinary intellectual force, and of rare discrimination of judgment and lucidity of thought. His capacious and vigorous mind seemed not to feel the burden or difficulty of the most intricate and stubborn problems; and his ability to set forth in clear exposition his own views was a constant surprise even to those who knew him best. This clearness of view and precision of statement made him a wonderfully attractive and successful teacher, as many of our brethren of the Clergy can testify. And yet all which has been said does not touch the best and the greatest of that which he was. He was a little child in humility and reverence and submission to the

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teaching and to the discipline of his Heavenly Father and to his Saviour and Lord. It was a privilege to sit and learn of him in his public preaching and exhortation; it was a greater privilege now and again in the revelations of personal intercourse and of private discourse to catch brief glimpses of the gentle and trustful soul, and of the tender and loving heart, which too often was unsuspected by those who came in contact only with his masterful will and intellect in the routine of daily conventional and practical life. His heart was fixed on God, and the Church of God commanded the full loyalty of his life service. Many of us feel that we shall never find another who can supply his place to us.

The Rev. Frederick A. Felter was the first person whom it was my privilege to ordain to the Holy Ministry, and, though ten or twelve years my senior loved to call himself my oldest son. He was a man full of love and goodness, of childlike faith and piety, and a heart responsive to the demand of every kindly relationship of domestic and social life. He was an excellent classical scholar, better than was commonly understood, for he had no desire or ambition in preaching except to set forth the simple story of God's love, and to exhort all men to love one another, and to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour by holy and unselfish lives. He loved his people and was beloved by them. He did not long delay in following the younger brother of his love.

I can not refrain from saying a word, however brief and inadequate, in regard to the Rev. Francis W. Hilliard, who has been transferred to the Diocese of Tennessee. Mr. Hilliard, though for many years absent from the Diocese, was one of our oldest Clergy in point of early association and service. He was always most faithful, earnest and self-sacrificing in his works, and devoted to the Diocese and to its people. It is with very great regret that I miss his face from this our annual meeting. Domestic circumstances made it more to his comfort to remove to a distant Diocese. We follow him with our prayers and with our affectionate regrets.

My first services since those covered by my last address were in connection with the Ninety-third Annual Convention of the Diocese which met in Christ Church, Raleigh, Wednesday, May 12th.

At this opening service I administered the Holy Communion; in the afternoon presided in the business meeting of

the Convention, and conducted the evening service in the same church, assisted by a number of the clergy.

May 13. In the same church officiated at the morning and evening services, and presided during the business sessions.

14. 7.30 a. m. Administered the Holy Communion, officiated at the morning and evening services, and presided in the business sessions.

16. *The Fifth Sunday after Easter:* Consecrated St. Gabriel's Church, Selma; administered the Holy Communion. This Church was built largely through the offerings of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese at its Silver Jubilee, held in Tarboro, May 1907.

20. Raleigh, Christ Church. Officiated at a funeral.

23. *The Sunday after Ascension Day*, Raleigh. St. Mary's Chapel: Officiated at the "Commencement Sunday" service at 11 a. m.

4 p. m. Officiated at the "Commencement Sunday" service of St. Augustin's School in the Chapel.

8 p. m. In the Church of the Good Shepherd: Officiated with the rector; and after the service held a Conference of the Clergy and Laity on lay work.

25. 10 a. m. Assisted by the Rev. A. B. Hunter and others of the Clergy and Laity formally opened the new "St. Agnes Hospital" Building at St. Augustin's School, and made an address.

12 m. Presided at the annual meeting of the Trustees of St. Augustin's School.

26. 10 a. m. Presided at the annual Commencement of St. Augustin's School.

3 p. m. Presided at the annual meeting of the Trustees of St. Mary's School.

27. 10.30 a. m. At the annual Commencement of St. Mary's School presided at the exercises in the Auditorium, and conducted the closing service in the Chapel, and made an address.

30. *Whitsunday, Special visitations.* 11 a. m., Kittrell: St. James's Church; confirmed four persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

8 p. m., Littleton: Preached, confirmed three persons.

June 6. *Trinity Sunday*, Henderson: Church of the Holy Innocents; the parish being without a rector, I conducted the Church services morning and evening, administered the Holy Communion, preached twice, and had a conference with the Vestry.

9. Sanford, St. Thomas's Church: Made *special visitation;* preached, and confirmed one person.
10. Gulf, St. Mark's Church: *Visitation;* preached, and confirmed eight persons.
12. In Salisbury, examined two candidates for Priest's Orders.
13. *The First Sunday after Trinity*, Salisbury, St. Luke's Church.
    9.30. After Morning Prayer, confirmed one person.
    10.30 a. m. Made an address to the Men's Bible Class.
    11 a. m. Ordained two Deacons to the Priesthood; administered the Holy Communion.
16. Henderson. In the Church of the Holy Innocents, I married a couple.
17. Raleigh. Examined two colored candidates for Deacon's Orders.
20. *The Second Sunday after Trinity*, Raleigh, St. Augustin's Chapel: Ordained two young colored men to the Diaconate, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
23. St. Luke's Church, Salisbury: Assisted by a number of the clergy I officiated at the funeral of the late Dr. Francis J. Murdoch.
26. Examined a candidate for Deacon's Orders.
27. *The Third Sunday after Trinity*, Scotland Neck, Trinity Church: Acting for, and at the request of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Funsten, Bishop of Idaho, I ordained a young man, whose family formerly belonged to this parish, a Deacon. I preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
30. Raleigh, St. Ambrose Church: Officiated and made an address at the service celebrating the fourteenth anniversary of the rector of the parish.

July 15. Orange County, St. Mary's Church, *visitation:* Confirmed one person, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
17. Had conference with the vestry of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.
18. *The Sixth Sunday after Trinity*, Salisbury, St. Luke's Church:
    10.30 a. m., made an address to the Men's Bible Class.
    11 a. m., conducted the services for the day, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. 8.15 p. m., said Evening Prayer, preached, and confirmed two persons.
19. Reidsville, St. Thomas's Church, *visitation:* Had conference with vestry, preached.
20. Leaksville, Church of the Epiphany, *visitation:* Preached.
21. Spray. Visited St. Luke's Mission Chapel; preached.
22. I officiated at the funeral of the late Col. John M. Galloway, of Madison, at the family graveyard in Rockingham County.

25. *The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, St. James's Day.*
11 a. m. Cleveland, Christ Church, *visitation:* Preached, confirmed two persons, administered the Holy Communion.
4 p. m. Woodleaf, St. George's Church, *visitation:* Preached, confirmed three persons.
8 p. m. Coolcemee, Church of the Good Shepherd, *visitation:* Preached, confirmed eight persons, one being a sick person, confirmed in private.
27. Iredell County, St. James's Church, *visitation:* Confirmed six persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
28. Rowan County, St. Jude's Chapel, *visitation:* Baptized two infants, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
8 p. m. Salisbury, Chestnut Hill, St. Paul's Church, *visitation:* Preached.
29. In Burlington, the Rector being absent, I baptized an infant in private, the circumstances seeming to justify it.
Aug. 1. *The Eighth Sunday after Trinity*, Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd, the Rector being absent, I officiated morning and evening, at the former service preaching and administering the Holy Communion.
6. *Feast of the Transfiguration*, Charlotte, Church of the Holy Comforter: Attended the meeting of the Mecklenburg District of the Convocation of Charlotte; at the opening service confirmed four persons, and administered the Holy Communion.
6 p. m. Assisted by a number of Clergy of East Carolina and of North Carolina, and by the Bishop of East Carolina, I laid the corner stone of the "Bishop Atkinson Memorial" Church of the Holy Comforter, in Dilworth, a suburb of Charlotte, and made an address.
8. Raleigh, Christ Church: Officiated at a funeral.
10. Raleigh, attended a meeting of the Trustees of St. Mary's School.
13. Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Farewell service for two missionaries from this parish sent out by the Board of Missions to China. I was assisted in the service by the Rector; the sermon was preached by the Bishop Coadjutor of Southern Virginia.
15. *The Tenth Sunday after Trinity*, 8 a. m., Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Administered the Holy Communion.
6.15 p. m. Hillsboro, St. Matthew's Church: The Rector being absent, I said Evening Prayer, and baptized an infant.
19. Charlotte, 10 a. m.: Confirmed a sick woman in private.
8.30 p. m. Bristow, St. Mark's Church, *visitation:* Preached.
20. In same church: Preached morning and evening.

22. *The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity,* 11 a. m. In the same church: Confirmed four persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

8.30 p. m. Charlotte, Chapel of Hope, *visitation:* Preached and confirmed ten persons, one being a sick woman, in private, after the service.

25. Wilson, St. Timothy's Church, vacant: Said Evening Prayer, and preached; had conference with vestry.

26. *Annual Meeting of Colored Convocation,* in St. Mark's Church, Wilson.

10.30 a. m. Opening service: Administered the Holy Communion; presided in the business meetings through the day, and officiated at Evening Prayer.

27. Officiated at Morning Prayer, presided in the business meetings, and made an address to the Woman's Auxiliary.

29. *The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity,* Olive Branch, St. Timothy's Church, *visitation:* Preached and administered the Holy Communion.

8 p. m. Ansonville, All Soul's Church, *visitation:* Said Evening Prayer, and preached.

Sept. 5. *The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity,* Louisburg, St. Paul's Church, *visitation:* 11 a. m. Confirmed four persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

6 p. m. Confirmed in private a sick man and his wife.

8 p. m. preached.

4 p. m. St. Matthias' Church, for Negroes, *visitation:* Preached, and confirmed two persons.

26. *The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity,* Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Preached.

27. Officiated at a funeral at Goshen, Granville County.

Oct. 3. *The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity,* Cuningham Chapel, Person County, *visitation:* Preached.

8 p. m. Milton, Christ Church, *visitation:* Preached.

5. Mount Airy, Trinity Church, *visitation:* Said Evening Prayer and preached.

6. Germanton, St. Philip's Church, *visitation:* Said Evening Prayer, and preached.

7. Winston, St. Paul's Church, *visitation:* Preached, confirmed, and addressed twelve persons.

8. Greensboro: *Visitation* of Colored Mission in a public hall, preached, and confirmed and addressed six persons.

9. Greensboro, St. Mary's Chapel, *visitation:* Confirmed one person, and made an address.

10. *The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity,* Greensboro, St. Barnabas's Church, *visitation:* Confirmed six persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

4 p. m. St. Cuthbert's Chapel, *visitation:* Preached.

7.30 p. m. High Point, St. Mary's Church, *visitation:* Preached and confirmed one person.

12. Trinity, Randolph County: Had opening service at the High School, and made an address.

7.30 p. m. Lexington, Grace Church, *visitation:* Preached.

15. The Sixteenth Anniversary of my Consecration: I consecrated Ascension Chapel, Davie County; administered the Holy Communion.

16. Madison, St. John's Church, *visitation:* Confirmed one person; examined a candidate for Deacon's Orders.

17. *The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.* 11 a. m. Mayodan, Church of the Messiah: Ordained a Deacon, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

3.30 p. m. Knowlhurst Chapel, Stokes County, *visitation:* Confirmed three persons; preached.

7.30 p. m. Walnut Cove, Christ Church, *visitation:* Preached, confirmed four persons.

18. *St. Luke's Day,* Stoneville, Emmanuel Church, *visitation:* Preached.

19. Mayodan, Church of the Messiah: Meeting of the Convocation of Charlotte; confirmed and addressed four persons.

20. In same church: Confirmed three persons; after service confirmed a sick person in private.

21. Salisbury, St. Luke's Church: Baptized an infant. In the same church, in the evening, I married a couple.

24. *The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.* 11 a. m., Ridgeway, Church of the Good Shepherd, *visitation:* Confirmed two persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

8 p. m., Middleburg, Church of the Heavenly Rest, *visitation:* Preached.

26. 7.30 p. m., Oxford, St. Cyprian's Chapel for colored people, *visitation:*. Confirmed two persons, and made an address.

27. Oxford, St. Stephen's Church: Meeting of the Convocation of Raleigh.

7.30 a. m. Administered the Holy Communion; presided at the business meetings during the day, and conducted the public service in the evening; made an address.

28. 7.30 a. m. In the same church: Administered the Holy Communion and officiated at the closing service of the Convocation.

8 p. m. In the same church, *visitation:* Confirmed and addressed fourteen persons.

29. Stovall, St. Peter's Church, *visitation:* Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

31. *The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity*, 11 a. m. Goshen, St. Paul's Church, *visitation:* Officiated at the service and preached.

3.30 p. m. Satterwhite, St. Simeon's Chapel, for colored people, *visitation:* Preached and confirmed one person.

Nov. 4. Raleigh: In the Chapel of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College, I said a prayer at the opening session, and gave the blessing at the close of the National Farmers' Congress.

7. *The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity*, Wadesboro, Calvary Church, *visitation:* Officiated morning and evening; administered the Holy Communion in the morning and preached at both services; confirmed a sick person in private.

9. 10 and 11. Attended the Missionary Council of the Fourth (Sewanee) Department, in St. John's Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and took part in its several services and conferences.

14. *The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.* 11 a. m. Concord, All Saints' Church, *visitation:* Confirmed two persons, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

7.30 p. m. Charlotte, St. Martin's Chapel, *visitation:* Preached.

15. Charlotte, St. Peter's Church: Confirmed three persons.

20. Williamsboro, St. John's Church, *visitation:* Preached and administered the Holy Communion.

21. *The Sunday Next Before Advent*, Warrenton, *visitation:* 11 a. m. Emmanuel Church. Confirmed three persons, made an address, preached, administered the Holy Communion.

7:30 p. m. All Saints' Chapel for colored people: Preached, and confirmed two persons.

23. Gaston, St. Luke's Church, *visitation:* The Priest in charge being unable to be present, I baptized and confirmed an adult, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

7:30 p. m. Roanoke Rapids, All Saints' Chapel, *visitation:* Preached, and confirmed two persons.

26. Weldon, Grace Church, *visitation:* Preached, confirmed one person.

28. *The First Sunday in Advent*, Scotland Neck, Trinity Church. 11 a. m. I instituted the rector of the parish.

7:30 p. m. In the same church officiated at Evening Prayer.

30. Tarboro, Calvary Church, *special visitation:* Confirmed fifteen persons, and made an address.

Dec. 1. In the same church officiated at a marriage.

7. Hamlet: In the Presbyterian Church preached, and confirmed two persons.

8. Rockingham, Church of the Messiah, *visitation:* Preached.

12. *The Third Sunday in Advent, visitation:* 11 a. m. In the Factory chapel at Laurel Hill factory, I said Morning Prayer, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
3:30 p. m. Laurinburg, St. David's Church, *visitation:* Said Evening Prayer, and preached.
13. Gulf, St. Mark's Church, *visitation:* Said Evening Prayer; afterwards confirmed in private two persons who had been prevented by a violent storm from reaching the church in time for the service.
17. Raleigh, Christ Church: Officiated at a funeral.
19. *The Fourth Sunday in Advent, visitations:* 11 a. m. Chapel Hill, Chapel of the Cross: Preached, confirmed and addressed five persons, and administered the Holy Communion.
8 p. m. Greensboro, St. Barnabas's Church: Preached, and confirmed ten persons.

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Jan. 1. Charlotte, St. Peter's Church: Officiated at the funeral of the late Judge Wm. P. Bynum, Sr.
2. *The Second Sunday after Christmas.* In the same church: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
6. *The Epiphany,* Raleigh, Christ Church: Made an address, and administered the Holy Communion.
12th, 13th and 14th. Attended the Convention of the "Layman's Missionary Movement" in Greensboro, and gave the blessing at the close of its most interesting and helpful labors.
16. *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany,* Greensboro, St. Andrew's Church, *visitation:* Confirmed six persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
3:30 p. m. In St. Cuthbert's Chapel, Proximity, *visitation:* Preached, confirmed and addressed eight persons.
8 p. m. In the Chapel of the State Normal College, I preached.
19. Reidsville, St. Thomas's Church: I officiated at the funeral of the late Rev. Frederick A. Fetter.
24. Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: I officiated at the opening service of the Diocesan Layman's Conference.
25. *The Conversion of St. Paul.* 10 a. m. In the same church: Administered the Holy Communion at the beginning of the day's session of the Conference.
8 p. m. In Christ Church: Conducted the service at the closing of the Conference.
26. Hillsboro, St. Matthew's Church: Officiated at a marriage.
27. Scotland Neck, Trinity Church: Officiated at the funeral of the late Richard H. Smith, Senior Warden of the parish.

Feb. 6. *Quinquagesima Sunday,* Durham, *visitations:* 11 a. m. St. Philip's Church: Confirmed sixteen persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

4 p. m. St. Titus' Mission, for Colored people: In a public hall, preached, confirmed and addressed two persons.

7:30 p. m. St. Joseph's Church: Preached, confirmed and addressed four persons.

7. Hillsboro, St. Matthew's Church: Officiated at a funeral.

8. Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Officiated at the funeral of the late Judge James E. Shepherd.

12. Duke, St. Stephen's Church, *visitation:* Preached.

13. *The First Sunday in Lent*, in the same church: Officiated morning and night, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, confirmed seven persons, and made an address; also visited and made addresses in the Sunday School.

20. *The Second Sunday in Lent, visitations:* 10:30 a. m. Southern Pines, Emmanuel Church: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

3:30 p. m. Pinehurst Chapel: Preached, and confirmed one person.

22. Charlotte: Attended special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Thompson Orphanage and Industrial Institution.

24. *St. Matthew's Day*, Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Administered the Holy Communion.

27. *The Third Sunday in Lent*, Pittsboro, *visitation:* St. Bartholomew's Church: Service morning and afternoon; preached, administered the Holy Communion, confirmed six persons.

7:30 p. m. St. James's Chapel for Colored people: Preached, confirmed four persons.

28. Burlington, St. Athanasius' Church, *visitation:* Preached.

Mar. 1. In the same church: Confirmed five persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

6. *The Fourth Sunday in Lent, visitations:* 11 a. m. Halifax, St. Mark's Church: Confirmed one person, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

8 p. m. Scotland Neck, Trinity Church: Preached, confirmed and addressed four persons.

8. Lawrence, Grace Memorial Chapel, *visitation:* Said Evening Prayer, and preached.

9. Tarboro, St. Luke's Church for Colored people, *visitation:* 7:45 p. m. Preached, and confirmed six persons.

4:30 p. m. Calvary Chapel: Preached.

10. 9 a. m. Visited St. Luke's Parish School for Colored children, and made an address.

4:30 p. m. Calvary Chapel: Preached.

11. 7:30 p. m. In the same chapel: Preached.

12. Confirmed two sick men in private.

4:30 p. m. In the same chapel: Preached.

13. *The Fifth Sunday in Lent, visitations:* Tarboro, Calvary Church: Officiated and preached morning and evening; administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed thirty persons.

4 p. m. Speed, St. Mary's Church: Preached, and confirmed three persons.

14. Littleton, St. Alban's Church, *visitation:* Preached.

15. In the same church, 7:30 p. m.: Preached, and confirmed two persons.

3:30 p. m. Littleton, St. Anna's Church, for Colored people, *visitation:* Preached, and confirmed three persons.

20. *Palm Sunday, visitations:* 11 a. m. Henderson, Church of the Holy Innocents: Confirmed twenty-one persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

8 p. m. Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: I confirmed and addressed twenty-eight persons.

23. Raleigh, St. Ambrose' Church, for Colored people, *visitation:* Preached, and confirmed and addressed eleven persons.

27. Easter Day, Raleigh, *visitations:* St. Mary's Chapel: 7:50 a. m. Administered the Holy Communion. 11 a. m. Confirmed four pupils of the School, and preached.

7:30 p. m. St. Augustin's Chapel: Preached, and confirmed eleven pupils of the School.

31. Wilson, St. Timothy's Church, *visitation:* Preached, and confirmed nine persons.

April 1. Wilson, St. Mark's Church, for Colored people, *visitation:* Confirmed four persons, and made an address.

3. *The First Sunday after Easter, visitation:* 11 a. m. Rocky Mount, Church of the Good Shepherd: Confirmed and addressed sixteen persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

4:30 p. m. In a public hall preached to a Colored congregation, and confirmed six persons.

8 p. m. Battleboro, St. John's Church: Preached, and confirmed one person.

4. Enfield, Church of the Advent, *visitation:* Preached, and confirmed two persons.

5. Ringwood, St. Clement's Church, *visitation:* Preached.

6. Wilson, St. Timothy's Church: Officiated at a marriage.

10. *The Second Sunday after Easter,* Raleigh, 11 a. m., Christ Church, *visitation:* Confirmed and addressed twenty-two persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

4 p. m. St. Augustin's Chapel: Made an address.

11. Jackson, Church of the Saviour, *visitation:* Preached.

17. *The Third Sunday after Easter*, Charlotte, *visitations:* 11 a. m. St. Peter's Church: Confirmed thirty persons, addressed them, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
    4 p. m. Church of St. Michael and All Angels: Confirmed eight persons, and preached.
    8 p. m. Church of the Holy Comforter (Dilworth): Preached, and confirmed three persons.
18. Mayodan, Church of the Messiah, *special visitation:* Preached, and confirmed twenty-nine persons.
20. Statesville, Trinity Church, *visitation:* Officiated morning and evening, preached, and confirmed two persons.
21. Charlotte, Chapel of Hope, *special visitation:* Confirmed twelve persons, and preached.
22. Charlotte, St. Peter's Church: Confirmed one person.
26. Attended the annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Thompson Orphanage and Training Institution. In the Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin, confirmed eleven pupils of the Institution, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

During the year I have officiated upon several occasions outside the Diocese.

July 4th, upon the invitation of the Rhode Island Society of the Cincinnati, I preached a sermon before the Society at its annual meeting in Trinity Church, Newport. That day being the *Fourth Sunday after Trinity*, I also assisted the rector in his service, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

July 11th, the *Fifth Sunday after Trinity*, I preached in All Faith Church, St. Mary's County, Maryland, Diocese of Washington.

September 12th, the *Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*, in the Chapel of Rest, Caldwell County, in the District of Asheville, I preached; and on the Sunday following, being in the town of Lenoir, in the same county, and finding the parish vacant, I said the service and preached in St. James's Church.

April 27th, I preached in St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

The total of services for the year is as follows: Services, 202; sermons, 121; addresses, 29; Holy Communion, 52; confirmations, 517; baptisms, 6; marriages, 5; funerals, 11. I have consecrated two churches, and ordained two Priests and four Deacons.

May 16, 1909, being the *Fifth Sunday after Easter*, I consecrated "St. Gabriel's Church, Selma"; the erection of which was made possible by the gift of over one thousand dollars from the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, being the Thank Offering collected by the good women of the Auxiliary at the "Silver Jubilee" of our Diocesan Branch, held in Calvary Church, Tarboro, May 17, 1907. The Petition for Consecration was read by the Rev. Samuel M. Hanff, the faithful Priest in charge of the Missions, by whose untiring and zealous labors the work

of the mission is carried on; the Sentence of Consecration was read by Archdeacon Hughes, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Pittenger, who was instrumental in arousing the first interest of the people in this community in the services of our branch of the Church.

October 15, 1909, being the sixteenth anniversary of my Consecration, I had the pleasure of consecrating the Chapel of the Ascension, near Fork Church village, Davie County, built by the faithful labors of the Misses Hairston of that county. The Petition for Consecration was read by the Rev. Thomas L. Trott, Priest in charge, and the Sentence of Consecration by Archdeacon Osborne. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry Teller Cocke. The Rev. Simeon J. M. Brown also assisted in the service.

June 13, 1909, being the *First Sunday after Trinity*, in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, I ordained to the Priesthood, Locke Winfield Blackwelder and Francis Wellington Ross Arthurs, Deacons, the candidates being presented by the Rev. Francis J. Murdoch, D.D., and the sermon being preached by the Rev. Robert Bruce Owens. The Rev. Walter J. Smith and the two Presbyters above named united with me in the Imposition of Hands.

June 20, 1909, being the *Second Sunday after Trinity*, in the Chapel of St. Augustin's School, Raleigh, I ordained to the Diaconate two young colored men, graduates of St. Augustin's School, and of the Bishop Payne Divinity School, Petersburg—James King Satterwhite and Robert Josiah Johnson. The candidates were presented by Archdeacon Delaney, and the sermon was preached by me.

June 27, 1909, being the *Third Sunday after Trinity*, in Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, acting for the Bishop of Idaho, and upon his written request and authorization, I ordained as Deacon, Zachary Taylor Vincent. The candidate was presented by Archdeacon Hughes, and I preached the sermon. The Rev. Geo. W. Lay also assisted in the service.

October 17th, being the *Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*, in the Church of the Messiah, Mayodan, I ordained to the Diaconate, Cyprian Porter Willcox. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Alfred R. Berkeley, and I preached the sermon. Archdeacon Osborne and the Rev. Walter J. Smith also assisted in the services.

We have had added to our Clergy list during the year, by letters dimissory from other Dioceses six; by ordination three, as follows:

Rev. William H. H. Ball, Priest, from Oklahoma, May 21, 1909.

Rev. Clement Grenelle Bradley, Priest, from Western Michigan, August 3, 1909.

Rev. Isaac Wayne Hughes, Priest, from East Carolina, October 1, 1909.

Rev. Samuel Chalmers Thompson, Priest, from Albany, November 1, 1909.

Rev. George Meredith Tolson, Priest, from Virginia, November 1, 1909.

Rev. Evan Alexander Edwards, Priest, from Maryland, December 11, 1909.

Rev. James King Satterwhite, Deacon, ordained June 20, 1909.

Rev. Robert Josiah Johnson, Deacon, ordained June 20, 1909.

Rev. Cyprian Porter Willcox, Deacon, ordained October 17, 1909.

We have lost by death and by transfer to other Dioceses the following:

Rev. Francis Johnston Murdoch, D.D., died June 21, 1909.

Rev. Frederick Augustus Fetter, died January 18, 1910.

Rev. Francis W. Hilliard, transferred to Tennessee, July 1, 1909.

Rev. Locke W. Blackwelder, transferred to Florida, August 2, 1909.

Rev. Francis W. R. Arthurs, transferred to New York, September 20, 1909.

Rev. Wilborn L. Mellichampe, transferred to Georgia, November 24, 1909.

Rev. John H. Crosby, transferred to East Carolina, February 1, 1910.

Rev. Homer L. Hoover, transferred to Nebraska, February 4, 1910.

Rev. Sanders R. Guignard, transferred to South Carolina, March 1, 1910.

Rev. Samuel C. Thompson, transferred to Southern Florida, April 28, 1910.

We have therefore suffered a loss of one in the total number of our Clergy, having now one Bishop, forty-eight Priests, and eight Deacons, a total of fifty-seven. The candidates for Holy Orders are, George C. Pollard and Arthur Myron Cochran; the postulants are, Foster N. Cox, Henry A. Willey, Walter L. Loftin, Lewis N. Taylor, Israel Harding Hughes, and Wm. Hoke Ramsaur.

The following changes have occured in the fields of labor of the Clergy since the date of my last address.

The Rev. Thaddeus A. Cheatham has resigned the parish of St. Timothy's Church, Wilson, and last November became Restor of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, made vacant by the lamented death of the Rev. Dr. Murdoch.

The Rev. Evan A. Edwards, received from the Diocese of Maryland, succeeds Mr. Cheatham in St. Timothy's Church, Wilson.

The Rev. Thos. L. Trott, upon the urgent desire of Archdeacon Hughes, and with the approval of the Bishop, has taken charge of St. Peter's Church, Stovall, vacant by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Hilliard, and has given up the churches at Milton and Cuningham.

St. Paul's, Goshen, which had also been served by the Rev. Mr. Hilliard, has been assigned to the charge of the Rev Fred. H. T. Horsfield.

The Rev. Geo. M. Tolson, received from Virginia, has taken charge of the church at Leaksville and at Spray, left vacant by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Hoover.

The Rev. Wm. H. H. Ball has continued in charge of the churches at Wadesboro and Ansonville.

The Rev. Clemantly G. Bradley has become Rector of Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, having charge also of St. Mark's, Halifax.

The Rev. Hardy H. Phelps, returning to his former Diocese, is officiating in Grace Church, Weldon, and the Church of the Advent, Enfield, having charge also of Ringwood and Roanoke Rapids—but has not been transferred to me by the Bishop of West Virginia.

The Rev. Isaac W. Hughes, received from East Carolina, is most acceptably filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of the former beloved Rector of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.

The Rev. Saml. C. Thompson, received from Albany, ministered for some months in Southern Pines and also at Laurinburg, but has taken letters dimissory to Southern Florida.

The Rev. Cyprian P. Willcox, since his ordination, has been continuing with the Rev. Alpeo M. Berkeley in the important field where he had, for some years prior to his ordination, been rendering most valuable assistance.

The Rev. James K. Satterwhite I put in charge of our colored Mission in Winston, and he has also begun a most promising work among the colored people of Greensboro.

The Rev. Robt. J. Johnson is doing good work in our colored Mission at Durham, and hopes to establish also a mission among the colored people of Henderson.

The Rev. R. Percy Eubanks has resigned St. Mark's, Mecklenburg County, and other work in the Convocation of Charlotte, and has become assistant in the parish of Christ Church, Raleigh, having special charge of St. Saviour's Chapel and other important mission work.

The Rev. Wilborn L. Mellichampe, though transferred to the Diocese of George, has not yet removed his family from this Diocese, and with my consent, continues his monthly

service at Pittsboro; and gives also occasional services at Elkin and at Germanton.

The important work left vacant at St. Andrew's, Greensboro, by the removal of the Rev. M. Guignard; the missions in Salisbury and in Rowan County, formerly cared for by the Rev. Mr. Blackwelder, under the direction of Dr. Murdoch; and the work of the Rev. Fredk. A. Fetter at Monroe and in Union County; still remain uncared for. I have found it impossible so far to make any arrangement to supply adequate service in these and in some other parts of the Diocese. On the whole, however, our parishes and missions are well supplied, and the Clergy are doing faithful and effective work.

I have received a communication from the executors of the late Hon. Wm. P. Bynum, Sr., informing me that their testator had left to the Diocese of North Carolina the sum of four hundred dollars for disabled and needy Clergymen of the Diocese, and two thousand dollars to be used in the missionary work of the Diocese, "including the visitation of county homes and jails." These legacies will be paid over in the due course of the settlement of the estate, and I respectfully suggest that the convention should advise the Trustees of the Diocese as to the distribution and application of the funds when received.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The proper work of the church is its missionary work, the extension of the Kingdom of God among men. The reports of our Clergy and of our several missionary organizations are before the Convention, and will afford some information as to what is being done in and by this Diocese. That which comes first into view, as lying nearest to us, is the work of our own parishes and missions. You are to remember, however, that this year our parochial reports cover only eleven months—from April 30, 1909, to March 31, 1910. This may cause some apparent falling off in results as compared with former years—I do not know that it will, but this possibility must be borne in mind, and its explanation. As a matter of fact the work of the Diocese was never more vigorous, effective and hopeful than at this time. The number confirmed is considerable larger than I have ever reported before, and very greatly above the average. Our number of Clergymen remains about the same, but there is a very

distinct increase in the average activity and efficiency of the Clergy; and I can not be mistaken in thinking that there is a gradual but very distinct advance in the general efficiency of the lay sympathy and cooperation which the Clergy receive in their work. Our Diocesan missionary work is carried on under the immediate direction of our three Convocations: The Convocation of Raleigh, the Convocation of Charlotte, and the Colored Convocation, with their Archdeacons. Reports from these three Archdeacons will this evening be laid before you. Within the last year or two there has been a distinct advance in the interest our laymen have taken in the work of these Convocations, and judged by the financial test of the funds raised in the Convocations, as compared with the funds formerly raised and disbursed under the direction of the old Executive Missionary Committee of the Convention, our present system has thoroughly justified itself.

Our stronger parishes lie naturally in our larger cities and towns. That which has especially characterized the development of this State during the quarter of a century last past, has been the wonderful growth of our towns by the gathering in of the poorer people of the country to work in the factories established in and near these cities and towns, and, in many cases, the building up of entirely new towns around large factories established in the country. Naturally, therefore, the most important work of the Church has come to be its efforts for the benefit of these new communities of working people. We have in the Diocese fourteen churches and chapels erected in these communities, and five of our best and ablest Clergymen give themselves specially to this work, besides what is done by the rectors of many of our parishes. In eight of these churches I have during the past year confirmed ninety-five persons—not much less than one-fifth of the whole number confirmed during the year, and ten of them reported last year over three hundred communicants. There is no field of work more fruitful, or more attractive to the man who loves to do good to his fellows, and to be a real help to men in their lives. Of all the Clergy of this Diocese I specially love and honor those who so nobly and unselfishly give themselves to this work, refusing calls to parishes where they might greatly advance their personal advantages, and enjoy the comfort and ease which their harder and poorer fields can not afford them. And

the same should be said of others of our younger Clergy. The young man of ability who foregoes personal interest in devotion to the work laid upon him, is not only accomplishing the good work he sees before him, but he is strengthening the hold of the Church of Christ upon the hearts and minds of men.

"THE MEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT."

The most striking feature in the religious history of the State of North Carolina during the past year has been the movement to enlist Christian men generally of all religious bodies in the evangelizing of the world. The most notable event in this connection was the wonderful meeting at Greensboro January 12-14. I shall not undertake to describe its proceedings. I am happy to know that many of you were there and saw and heard for yourselves. It was indeed a wonderful occasion, and illustrated and emphasized the blessed possibilities of the "Men's Missionary Movement." No body of Christians in this State was better represented than our own, whether on the platform or in the audience, in proportion to our numbers. I am fully persuaded that the Church in this Diocese has received much benefit from this movement already, and may receive much more. It is a distinct gain to have a common ground of sympathy and cooperation with other Christian people about us, such as the movement offers. Our missionary collections in some quarters have shown the effects of the interest aroused at Greensboro—I am afraid, however, that we are in danger of forgetting the good resolves we then made and registered. Let me remind those who were at the Greensboro meeting, and who in the sectional meeting in St. Barnabas's Church Friday endeavored to voice the spirit of North Carolina Churchmen, that we then pledged our people, so far as we could do so, to double their offering to our Foreign Missionary work during this current year. I trust that no one who assented to that action at the time will suffer his own congregation to fail of redeeming this pledge—and in endeavoring to bring our whole Diocese up to that standard.

But the financial work of this movement is not its best possibility. Difficult and almost hopeless as the prospect for Christian unity at times seems to be, I am firmly persuaded that it is our duty to pray for it, and to work for it, *and to desire it;* and I believe that this movement will be instrumental in some degree towards effecting it in the end,

that it is a step in the right direction. And I do not say this because it has brought us here in North Carolina to see men on one platform, who had not before been thus visibly at one. That kind of union has an element of menace to ultimate and real unity, by its seeming to be what it is not. What we saw at Greensboro in the work of that Convention was a distinct recognition of disunion—though it was a disunion which is beginning to feel dissatisfied with itself. Unity must be a growth, it must be the effect of a vital process in the whole body of Christian people. And perhaps our divisions, and our inherited and crystalized forms and habits of thought and feeling, disable us from seeing what are the essential principles and the practical methods by which Christians in the future shall grow into the oneness for which our common Lord prayed. But if all Christians in Christian lands can be aroused to a full sense of their duty to evangelize the world, and if we give our Foreign Missions the full measure of spiritual, moral and material support which they need for their work, then, in those new fields of endeavor and of achievement, the Christian forces at work for the conversion of the world shall draw together by the vital power of love, and by the guidance of the spirit of life shall discover for us the principles and the methods of unity. And in the meantime our common interest in the work of our missionaries shall insensibly draw us nearer together in love and sympathy, and prepare us to learn of them how we may really come together in one. And so, wisely and faithfully preserving our heritage of truth, we must be ready to cooperate in all earnest efforts to extend the power of the Gospel, knowing that in thus doing we are saving ourselves as well as those for whom we labor.

DIOCESAN LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE.

So many matters demand attention at this time that a very brief mention must suffice for the interesting and helpful meeting of our Laymen's Conference in Raleigh January 24th and 25th. It had no immediate relation to the preceding meeting in Greensboro, but was called in pursuance of a resolution of our last Diocesan Convention. The attendance was most gratifying, both in numbers and in character. Interesting addresses were made; and it was resolved to hold an adjourned meeting in connection with the "Conference" in St. Mary's School buildings June 20th to 25th. I trust that our Clergy and laity will appreciate the

efforts thus made for the development and strengthening of the Church life of our Diocese, and that we may have a large attendance in response to the most hospitable invitation of the Rector and Trustees of St. Mary's School.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF 1910.

There are a number of proposed amendments to the Constitution of the General Convention submitted to us at this meeting that we may express our opinion upon them, should we desire to do so. There is the proposed "Preamble" to the Constitution, the amendment in regard to the office of Presiding Bishop, and the amendment allowing Suffragan Bishops. I do not think it necessary that I should enter upon any discussion of them. I will, however, say that the proposed "Preamble" does not seem to have grown in favor during the three years since 1907, and there are manifest inconveniences and dangers in introducing into our Constitution matters not really necessary in such a document. The proposed article concerning the office of Presiding Bishop does seem to me important, and even necessary, and proved to be so in our experience. I am also inclined to favor the amendment providing for suffragan Bishops, though it is a question of much difficulty, where much may be said on both sides. In so vast a country as ours, of such extensive Dioceses, where such varieties of race and language are often found under one Bishop, it does seem that Suffragan Bishops might help to solve some of the practical difficulties of the work. I do not, however, believe that this amendment will specially affect the solution of the promlems involved in our colored work in the South. The Bishops of the South do not desire suffragan Bishops for the colored work, and the colored people do not desire them. For my own part I adhere to the opinion that if any change be made, the organization of our colored congregations into a missionary jurisdiction, as proposed by their own leading representatives, will best meet the difficulties of the present situation, and least embarrass our future action in meeting future issues.

With this imperfect presentation of some of the more important features of our present situation, I leave these matters to your consideration, and to such action as you may think best, where any action on your part is necessary.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE,
Bishop of North Carolina.

THE BISHOP'S ACCOUNT.

Diocesan Fund in His Hands.

RECEIPTS.

Collections from congregations		$549.21
Received from Woman's Auxiliary—Mrs. Blair	$224.52	
Mrs. King	39.30	
Treas. of Juniors.	31.43	
		295.25
Offerings during Convention of 1909		61.15
From Pinehurst Fund, designated by donors		83.00
Convocation of Charlotte, for Colored work		75.00
Rev. A. B. Hunter	$55.00	
Col. A. B. Andrews	25.00	
William A. Erwin, for deaf mutes	50.00	
Wm. A. Smith, for Missionary Council	15.00	
Mrs. Walter J. Smith	300.00	
		445.00
Miss Benson, for Colored work		100.00
Through Archdeacon Delaney, to redeem Littleton land		200.00
		$1,808.61

DISBURSEMENTS.

Diocesan Missions, *White*—Rev. R. Percy Eubanks	$25.00	
Rev. W. L. Mellichampe	50.00	
Rev. Alfred R. Berkeley	20.00	
Rev. Oliver J. Whildin	50.00	
		$145.00
Colored—Rev. Primus P. Alston	$37.50	
Rev. James E. King	87.50	
Rev. Jas. K. Satterwhite	95.00	
Rev. Robt. J. Johnson	95.00	
Colored Convocation	129.63	
Joel T. Fuller	25.00	
		469.63
Education Fund—Foster N. Cox	$50.00	
Henry C. Smith	85.00	
Walter L. Loflin	175.00	
Woman Missionary (A. W. C.)	30.00	
		340.00
"Carolina Churchman"		100.00
Diocesan expenses of Missionary Council		15.00
Moving church at Walnut Cove		50.00
Towards Rev. Mr. Hogue's expenses attending Chicago Missionary Meeting		10.00
Printing and postage		14.62
Offering at Convention 1909, New York Bible, etc., Society		10.00
Discount on note		1.05
To redeem Mission property at Littleton		509.15
Balance		144.16
		$1,808.61

Deficit May 1, 1909	$358.50
Balance above	144.16
Deficit May 1, 1910	$214.34

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